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## LAWSON AWARDS POWER SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL WOMEN

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Linda Lawson (D-Hammond) recently presented two POWER (Political Organization for Women's Education and Representation) scholarships to local women.

Patricia Lopez of Hammond and Barbara Stansil of Gary were both selected to receive these scholarships, which are awarded to non-traditional female students who are looking to begin or resume their education.

"I'm so pleased for the women who have won these scholarships," said Lawson. "The money awarded through the POWER scholarships gives women who might not normally be able to afford to return to school the chance to do just that and to therefore better their futures."

The POWER scholarships were created by members of the Indiana General Assembly's Women's Caucus. As part of the application process, applicants had to discuss their educational and career goals as well as their need for financial assistance. They also had to provide references.

In all, nine scholarships were awarded.